THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The number of letters received in this Ministry during the said period is 781.

(b) 718.

(c) 611.

(d) All these letters were replied on factual information and in accordance with existing policy, rules and regulations. References generally related to more than one issue. In view of this, it is difficult to categorise the replies as positive| negative.

"बिल्ड, आपरेट एण्ड ट्रांसफर" आधार पर सड़क परिवहन का निजीकरण

4688. **श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल :**
श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :

क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने "बिल्ड, आपरेट एण्ड ट्रांसफर" नाम से सड़क परिवहन के निजीकरण के लिए एक योजना तैयार की है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस योजना के क्रियान्वयन से संबंधित कार्य में विदेशी कम्पनियों को भी शामिल किया जायेगा ; और

(ग) उक्त योजना पर कितनी लागत आयेगी और विदेशी कंपनियों सहित निजी-क्षेत्र अपने पूंजी निवेश की धनराशि को कैसे वसूल करेगा और क्या आम व्यक्ति को उक्त योजना के अधीन सड़कों का प्रयोग करने के लिए कर के रूप में किसी भार को भी उठाना पड़ेगा ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) से (ग) सरकार निर्माण, प्रचालन और हस्तान्तरण आधार पर सड़क निर्माण कार्यों में निजी क्षेत्र तथा विदेशी निवेशकों को शामिल करने पर विचार कर रही है। इस स्कीम के अन्तर्गत, निजी कंपनियों को अपने संसाधनों से राजमार्ग सुविधा का विकास करने तथा एक निर्दिष्ट अवधि के लिए प्रयोक्ताओं से शुल्क वसूल करने की अनुमति दी जाएगी और उसके पश्चात् वह सुविधा सरकार को वापस मिल जाएगी। चूंकि राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग अधिनियम, 1956 में अभी संशोधन नहीं हुआ है इसलिए इस संबंध में और ब्यौरे दे पाना संभव नहीं है।

Traffic survey between Ahmedabad-Rajkot-Gandhidham

4689. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any traffic survey has been conducted between Ahmedabad-Rajkot and Rajkot-Gandhidham (Kandla) National Highway No. 8;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether there has been delay in implementing the findings of survey report; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No specific traffic survey has been conducted between Ahmedabad-Rajkot and Rojkot-Gandhidham sections of National Highways in Gujarat. However, weekly traffic census at selected count stations on all National Highways is carried out twice a year.

(c) and (d) Question does not arise.

Backlog in the National Highway Projects

4690. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals to amend the National Highways Act and if so, what would be the quantum of initial investment on priority routes;

(b) whether it is fact that there has been an alarming backlog in national highway projects and that the current gap between the requirements and availability of funds for road projects is estimated at Rs. 52,400 crore; and

(c) to what extent, Government expects that the private participation investment would cover the pressing requirements for top priority segments and whether Government have already cleared projects covering a length of 2,000 kms for private sector under BOT scheme and whether any such project has been cleared for Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Highways (Amendment) Bill, 1995 for allowing Private Sector participation in the road sector has been introduced in the Lok Sabha. It is too early to indicate the quantum of initial investment on priority routes.

(b) The removal of deficiencies in the existing National Highway System have been estimated to cost Rs. 52,200 crore at 1994 price level.

(c) It is too early to indicate the extent of private sector participation pending amendment to National Highways Act 1956. No project on BOT basis on National Highways has been cleared so far in the country.

Fourlaning of National Highways

4691. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the National Highways in various States, especially in Bihar, which are proposed to be converted into fourlaned roads during 1995-96;

(b) what is the amount fixed for this purpose; and

(c) what policy/criterion is adopted to select the National Highways for conversion into fourlaned roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A statement showing details is annexed (See below)

(c) As per the existing policy, fourlaning of any two lane Section of National Highway is considered when the traffic exceeds 15000 PCUs/day.

Statement

Four Planing of National Highways

Sl. No.	State	National Highway Proposed for 4-Laning during 1995-96	Length in Km.	Estimated cost in crores
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5 & 9	203	493.00
2.	Assam	37	5	5.00
3.	Bihar	2	43	128.00
4.	Gujarat	8 & 8C	18	21.00
5.	Haryana	8	71	178.00
6.	Maharashtra	4 & 8	5	6.00
7.	Orissa	5	39	133.00
8.	Rajasthan	8	55	121.00
9.	Uttar Pradesh	2 & 24	37	105.00
10.	West Bengal	2 & 35	47	163.00
	TOTAL :		523	1353.00